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Thirty women physicians and surgeons will start for France within a few days under the auspices of the American Women's Hospitals, according to Dr. Rosalie Macomber Morton, chairman of the War Service Committee of the Medical Women's National Association. The announcement was made at a meeting in the association's headquarters at No. 537 Madison Avenue, which was attended by more than 200 women physicians from all parts of the country. The organization's aim is to establish a chain of hospitals and clinics in France, organized and conducted by women surgeons, dentists, bacteriologists, nurses and aids to the entire exclusion of men. More than 2,000 women physicians and surgeons, comprising more than half the practicing women in the profession in the country, have joined the organization.

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## SOCIETY GIRLS AND WAR HERO AT THE FLOWER SHOW



Left to right, back row—Miss Ruth Marden, Miss Jane Quintard, Miss Alice Marden, Miss Ruth Bliss, Miss Jean Fletcher, Miss Polly Lincoln and Miss Ruth Knapp. Left to right, front row—Miss Ruth

Dean, Joseph E. Stehlin of Brooklyn, member of the Lafayette Escadrille, who returned to the United States recently; Miss Ruth Manterre and Miss Anne Townsend.

BIG FLOWER SHOW  
THE GREATEST EVER  
HELD IN NEW YORK

A Chromatic Spectacle and  
Feast of Fragrance Never  
Before Equalled.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain and hail an unusually large throng filled the second and third floors of the Grand Central Palace at the opening yesterday of the sixth International Flower Show. Limousines and automobiles of every description crisscrossed the Lexington Avenue entrance continuously all afternoon and evening. It was estimated that be-

tween ten and twelve thousand persons attended. Never has the exposition building been more gorgeously decorated. Myriads of flowers and plants of innumerable description filled each square foot of available space so that the great halls and corridors presented a chromatic spectacle rarely to be seen, embracing a picture that outdoor nature herself might well have envied.

Delicate orchids, pink, yellow, white and red, flanked their leafy bases a veritable field of anemones. Miniature aqueducts, that in California pour almost into the clouds, rare Japanese lilacs, vivid, green, cypresses, flaring palms and giant ferns and thousands of other species of flora, impossible of description, completed a display that easily surpasses those of former years.

In this vast perfumed space, thousands of visitors silently feasted on a complex diffusion of radiance and gasps of admiration could be heard at each individual exhibit. One of the big features was the beautiful Red Cross Garden and Theatre. Yesterday was Red Cross Day in the Garden, and remarkable war films just obtained from the western front by the American Red Cross, showing our boys in action, were released for the first time. The film, "Humanity's Appeal," also was shown. Pilote Aviator Joseph C. Stehlin of the Lafayette Escadrille, one of the youngest American boys who has seen action in the air at the front, spoke. He flew at Verdun and other parts of the front for more than a year and has been honored with the Croix de Guerre with two palms, as well as two citations for bravery from the French Government. Dr. Allen MacRossie and Capt. Wells Ingraham also made addresses.

The Red Cross booth was that of the New York County Chapter, which has been one of the largest in the production of bandages and hospital appliances. A packet consisting of eleven bandages is made up by the workers. Last month the chapter turned out and sent to the front 27,128 bandages, and day before yesterday, which is a record day, 19,356 were completed. At the Flower Show knitting machines for making woolen sweaters and socks hum all day and part of the night, and scores of women dressed in spotless white turn out the material that will alleviate the suffering of thousands of our men at the front.

Yesterday, orchids, ferns, palms, foliage plants, plants in flower, roses in pots and cut flowers were judged in a competition that was intensely keen in the private growers' class, both Mrs. F. A. Constable of Manhattan, N. Y., and J. M. Smith of Ridgefield, Conn., carried off four prizes. Mrs. Constable won four firsts in the class for palms and foliage plants.

Col. H. H. Rogers of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., won four firsts in the class for orchids. Mrs. Payne Whitney, Manhattan, L. I., won the highest honors in the bulbous plants class with four firsts to her credit. Percy Clubb of Glen Cove, L. I., led in Class 4 of miscellaneous cut flowers, winning five firsts.

There were scores of other exhibitors who won both among the amateur and professional horticultural classes.

The show was officially opened at 2 P. M. by John M. Harmon, Brooklyn Park Commissioner, who officiated in the absence of Mayor Hylan, who could not be present as he had planned.

Today will be British Day in the Red Cross Garden, and the Hon. Sir Bayley will introduce the speakers and those who will entertain. These include Mrs. August Belmont, Gen. McLaughlin, Col. Davis, the Hon. Crawford Vaughan, Sir Connop Guthrie and Miss Marie Dressier. The British war films showing the German retreat at Arras will be a feature.

To-morrow is French Day, and a special French programme has been arranged. Hostesses at the Red Cross Garden were Mrs. Charles Greenough, Mrs. Olive Bayley, Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge, Mrs. Edmund S. Baylies, Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Mrs. Walter Maynard, Mrs. Astor Chandler, Mrs. Bourke Cockran, Mrs. John Magee, Mrs. J. D. Prince, Mrs. W. H. Crocker, Mrs. George H. Baker, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. H. P. Duxson, Mrs. C. B. Alexander and Mrs. Marshall.

Members of the Junior League sold programmes and flowers for the Red Cross. Among those who were present were Mrs. Manterre, Ruth Bliss, Minnie Richards, Ruth Marden, Mary Lincoln, Lella Burden, Elizabeth Manning, Eleanor Stevenson, Alice Haight, Ruth Dean, Jane Quinlan, Frances Field, Josephine Minott, Nina Dearth, Margaret Burton, Lucille Baldwin, Nina Ryan and Janet Brower.

GUARD AND DRAFT  
UNITS TO VANISH  
IN PERSHING PLAN

Replacement System Already  
Shows Effect in Intermixing  
All Classes of Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The neighborhood character of National Army and National Guard units is certain to vanish as the war progresses, in the opinion of army officials. British and French forces already have undergone the process, and it now is being felt by American front line divisions, as the direct result of the three-line system of defense, held indispensable by Gen. Pershing and the Allied chiefs of staff to keep the front line at full fighting strength.

Plans projected by the General Staff for erecting a replacement system to handle nearly a quarter of a million men this year, it is understood, are founded on acceptance of the fact that localization cannot be maintained.

Eventually it is believed that enlisted men of the regulars, National Army and National Guard will be intermixed throughout all divisions at the front.

Congress expressed a decided preference for localization of the National Army in the Selective Service Law, but many officers have maintained insistently that it would be impossible to handle the army except as one great unit. The facts promise to bear out that view, it is said, and with the replacement of casualties, the welding of the Expeditionary Forces into one homogeneous unit has already begun.

In an opinion rendered last September, acting Judge Advocate Gen. Ansell sustained absolutely the legal right of the department to transfer officers and men among the regulars, National Army and National Guard as found necessary. The Selective Service Law gave only a suggestion of independence to the three branches of the service, he said.

The six division corps organization adopted by Gen. Pershing was devised to give a corps commander a two-division front to hold, backed up by two divisions on the second line and two divisions on the third line. At intervals, these divisions relieve each other, each serving its allotted time in each of the three lines. As casualties occur in front line divisions, men are drawn from second

line divisions and second line units fill up immediately from third line divisions.

The casualties given preliminary training in the United States and shipped over on a regular schedule, are fed into the third line division, and by the time they reach the front line trenches, are ready for the battle.

As an illustration of the effect of this process on the personnel of a particular regiment, a New York National Guard or National Army division might be in the front line. Behind it in the same corps might stand an Illinois division in the second line and a Far Western division in the third line, or either of these

supporting divisions might be a regular unit, composed of men from all parts of the United States.

Gradually, as its casualties and other replacements increased, the New York division would become filled with men from the other divisions or, when it was in reserve, would feed many of its original New York men into the division ahead of it. If they continued in the same relations long, the three divisions would become composites of all three with a steady flow of casualties, introduced from the United States at the third line, still further diluting their original neighborhood complexion.

Out of this situation has grown a plan to separate replacement divisions in the United States where the arm of the service for which preliminary training, not the State from which the soldier comes, will be the factor governing mobilization. Infantry men would all be trained at one camp, artillerymen at another, machine gunners at another, and so on. Men who had been under training six months would be available for assignment to replacement detachments bound abroad. Their places would be taken by new drafted men or by volunteers gathered through the recruiting service. That would extend the replacement system back to the civilian population in orderly, workable fashion, it is argued.

## TIMBER REGULATION DENIED.

Senators Favor Science Bill, but Limit Wilson's Power.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Provisions in the Administration's Timber Regulation Bill to authorize the President to prescribe regulations for all timbering operations were stricken out today by the Senate Military Committee. They had drawn vigorous opposition from lumber interests.

The bill itself, retaining its principal provisions for commanding timber and its products for the use of the army, the navy and the shipping board, was favorably reported.

## U. S. NEEDS STENOGRAPHERS

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